





MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE SYRACUSE, N.Y. ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS: COMMODORE JOHN BARRY DIVISION

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

...By Dan Case, Division President

Dear Brothers,

- I am sure we are all looking forward to the upcoming St. Patrick's Day, the Parade, and related events. Here's a quick synopsis of some of the events:
 - ⇒ I encourage all Brothers to attend the Grand Marshal's dinner on Friday, March 11th at the OnCenter beginning at 6:00 pm. Per-person tickets are \$40. Please contact Kristin Etoll @ (315) 488-2288 as soon as possible if you're interested in attending. Many thanks go out to Kevin Ryan for another excellent job with this event. Look for our redesigned sponsorship page in the dinner program.
 - □ I ask that all Brothers who have AOH jackets to please wear them for the Parade (Saturday, March 12th). We have looked great wearing the jackets in previous years. This year we will display the giant Irish flag that was given to our Division by the Simonstown GFA (Navan, Ireland) a few years back. It has been a couple of years since we marched with this great flag. The Parade starts at Noon, but we will gather at the Cathedral at 9:45 am prior to the 10:00 am Mass. After the Mass, we'll meet at Kitty Hoynes to gather for the Parade line-up on Erie Blvd. West near the Downtown ice rink. The Choraliers' float will be available for AOH members who cannot make the walk or for members' family members and children. Bob Bunce will provide more information about this on Parade day.
 - ⇒ Once again, the post-Parade AOH Syracuse Division hospitality suite will be at PJ Dorsey's Restaurant. Free beer, wine, and soda will be provided, as well as a cash bar. Please have your membership card with you to display upon request. The room will open immediately after we're done marching and will remain open until ??.
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 Johnston's BallyBay Bar (550 Richmond Ave. in Syracuse) will once again be hosting their own post-Parade party for AOH members and their families from 4:00 pm 8:00 pm. Free beer, wine, and soda will be provided, as well as a cash bar. Please have your membership card with you to display upon request. The Tipp Hill Gaels are slated to perform and the restaurant will be serving corned beef and cabbage all day.
 - Don't forget that your Division President (me !!) is enrolled in the "St. Baldrick's" event on Sunday, March 13th at Kitty Hoynes. I'll be looking for donations at the next meeting. These donations will be for the National Childhood Cancer Foundation. Million of dollars have already been raised, and I will have my head shaved in order to raise money for this wonderful cause -- thus the name "St. Baldrick's" !! Please help with your donations!!
- Our Division and NYS Chaplain, Father John Ahern, has spoken to our new Brother Aaron Tripp about becoming our temporary Chaplain. With the fine reading at the last meeting, he surely chose well. Thank you Father John and Aaron!!!!!
- Once again, we showed our true Hibernian spirit by the attendance of our Brothers at the wake of Brother Michael Pinkasewicz (National Honorary Member) on Thursday, February 17th. Everyone in attendance was greatly impressed, and the Choraliers did their usual fine job in leading us in a rendition of "A Soldiers Song". Brother Michael was a very well-respected member of the Choraliers for many years. His widow Rosemary was presented with the AOH Memorial Certificate by myself and Division Vice-President Frank Corcoran and was visibly touched. After the wonderful ceremony, we enjoyed a fine time at the Green Gate Inn.
- ✓ Join me in welcoming our newest AOH Syracuse Division member, John Gooley, who was sworn in at the February Division meeting. Welcome aboard !! As always, we're seeking new members.

Yours in Friendship, Unity, & Christian Charity,



AOH DIVISION MEETING ☞② SUNDAY, MARCH 6th ② 7:00 pm

PJ Dorsey's (116 Walton Street in Syracuse)

For details, contact Dan Case: (315) 638-2285 or fenian@twcny.rr.com

AOH/LAOH Syracuse Division members are encouraged to provide their current street address, telephone number, and email address (if available) to Financial Secretary Tim Collins via phone [(315) 469-5810] or e-mail [seamus33@msn.com].

AOH Syracuse Division member **Joe Schiltz** is organizing a **Membership Committee** charged with the responsibility of attracting new members and retaining current members. If you're interested in joining this committee, please call Joe @ (315) 468-1832 for more information.

Brendan Sammon is organizing a "Catskill Weekend" trip for Friday, May 13th through Sunday, May 15th. The photocopied sheet that was included with this newsletter contains all of the relevant information you will need to book the trip.

AOH Syracuse Division member **Joe Schiltz** is seeking an AOH Syracuse Division member to assist him with the planning and oversight of our Division's participation at the **2005 Scottish Games and Celtic Festival** (Saturday, August 13th). If you're interested in lending a hand, please call Joe @ (315) 468-1832 for more information.

The Central New York Irish American Cultural Institute (CNY IACI) invites the public to their next monthly program of "Irish Food & Thought", which will be held at PJ Dorsey's Restaurant (116 Walton Street in Syracuse) on Friday, March 18th starting at 6:30 pm (social). Dinner will follow at 7:00 pm and the presentation will begin at 7:45 pm. Music and song will conclude the evening. Dr. James MacKillop, renowned Irish scholar, will discuss the Christian religion in Ireland prior to 1170. Reservations are required. Please contact Mary K. Gillis via phone [(315) 488-8749] or e-mail [mgillis@cnykidney.org] to make reservations and/or for more information.

The **Butler School of Irish Dance** will be hosting a "**Pub Night**" **fund-raiser** on **Saturday, March 19**th at the Polish Home (915 Park Ave. in Syracuse) from 8:00 pm - midnight. Per-person tickets are \$10 advance sale, \$12 at the door, and \$8 for Seniors and children. A full evening of entertainment will include West o' Clare (Pat Kane's band). Please contact Jim Egloff via phone [(315) 454-0029] or e-mail [e_g_loff@yahoo.com] for more information.

NOTE: AN AOH SHAMROCK DEGREE CEREMONY WILL BE HELD AT THE SUNDAY, APRIL 3RD DIVISION MEETING !!

This ceremony is for those recently sworn-in members who have not yet taken the "long" version of the Hibernian initiation. All such members are strongly encouraged to participate in this ancient and rewarding ceremony, which represents the first degree of the Ancient Order of Hibernians and provides a better understanding of Hibernianism. It is only offered twice a year in our Division. Please contact AOH Syracuse Division President Dan Case via phone [(315) 638-2285] or e-mail [fenian@twcny.rr.com] for more information.



Dates to remember...

- Friday, 7-29 and Saturday, 7-30: 2005 Great American Irish Festival (Herkimer County Fairgrounds) www.greatamericanirishfestival.com
- Sunday, 8-27: 2005 Cortland Celtic Festival (Cortland County Junior Fairgrounds) - www.cortland.org/news/celticfest.htm

If you have any AOH/LAOH information, photos, or memorabilia, please contact AOH Syracuse Division Historian Geordy Austin via phone [(315) 446-1153] or e-mail [geordyo@aol.com].

If you have information concerning sick or recently deceased AOH members, please contact AOH Syracuse Division Catholic Action Committee Chairman David Kennedy via phone [(315) 637-3307] or e-mail [dkenn@twcny.rr.com].

AOH winter jackets, light-weight pull-overs, shirts, etc. are available. Please contact David Kennedy via phone [(315) 637-3307] or e-mail [dkenn@twcny.rr.com] for more info.

Please pay your AOH membership dues as soon as possible (\$35 for members age 60 and younger; \$25 for members age 60+; \$40 for new members -- due at swearing-in ceremony along with completed application). Please see Financial Secretary Tim Collins at the next meeting or send a check to our PO Box (listed on this newsletter).

For Syracuse Gaelic Football team information, please contact Brian Fitzpatrick @ (315) 488-1614 or Mike O'Connor @ (315) 422-7393. Practices are held at noon on Sundays and at 6:00 pm on Wednesdays at King's Park (Town of Onondaga).

2005 AOH Syracuse Division Officers ...

- Division Chaplain: Aaron Tripp
- President: Dan Case
- Vice-President: Frank Corcoran
- Recording Secretary: Jerry Cregan Financial Secretary: Tim Collins Treasurer: Kevin Shanahan

- Chairman of the Standing Committee: Jim Hartigan \checkmark
- Marshal: Terry Maddison Sentinel: Craig Quinn

Web sites of interest...

- AOH Syracuse Division: www.syraoh.com ☑
- NYS AOH: www.nyaoh.com
- National AOH: www.aoh.com
- IACI of CNY: www.iaci-usa.org/cnychapter.html
- Irish Republican Media site: www.irishrepublicanmedia.com
- Irish news: www.nuzhound.com
- Irish-American Information Service: iais.org
- Irish-American Heritage Museum: www.irishamericanheritagemuseum.org
- Cavan County, Ireland Museum: www.cavanmuseum.ie
- Irish literature: www.ucc.ie/celt
- Irish architecture: www.irish-architecture.com
- Irish foods/recipes: www.foodireland.com

LADIES AOH (LAOH) NEWS



- NEXT MEETING: The next meeting of the LAOH will be held at 7:00 pm on Thursday, March 10th at the Taunton Presbyterian Church (4326 Fay Road in Taunton). We have lots to discuss: St. Patrick's Day Parade (we need to know how many people will be there; we have the wonderful banner made by Florence Nieciecki) / Anne Marie Ferguson's Testimonial Dinner (we voted for a Full Page Add from the Division; you may also purchase ads for: Full Page - \$100, Half Page - \$60, Quarter Page - \$35, Patron - \$10; send Remittance and text to LAOH/NYS Ad Journal, Denise Sobus, 27 Morris Street, Auburn, NY 13021) / The Celtic Cook Book (contact chairperson Maryanne Manley at (315) 695-1217; please bring all your Irish Recipes to the meeting; committee members are Kathleen Richardson, Eileen Tickner, Maureen O'Hara, and Ginny Justian) / LAOH NYS Convention in July (plans for attendance and accommodations) / Celtic Festival (open discussion of improvements, time lots, and items to be sold) / Annual Hooley to Benefit
- Project Children (plans for greater success)

 FEBRUARY MEETING FOLLOW-UP: Our February Meeting was cancelled due to inclement weather. Fortunately, our President, Peggy Reynolds, is out of the hospital and is recovering well!! Please keep up the prayers, as she still needs one more surgery. Peggy's Mom is also improving, but she is still in the hospital and also needs our prayers. The St. Brigid Mass at IHM Church with Father Ahern and brunch at Hooligans was wonderful. Ginny Justian was given a Past-President Pin. In Peggy's own words: "Thank you so much for the pin. It is beautiful, even down to the little gavel. I will treasure it always for the greatest group of people I was allowed to serve for.
- **CONTACT:** Please contact LAOH Syracuse Division President Peggy Reynolds via phone [(315) 476-5246], e-mail [rayorginny@aol.com], or USPS [1700 W. Onondaga Street Syracuse, NY 13204] with questions/information
- **DUES:** LAOH membership dues should be paid as soon as possible. Please send a \$20 check (payable to LAOH Division #1) to: Financial Secretary Florence Nieciecki 1173 Bellevue Ave. Syracuse, NY 13204 If you're having trouble with payment, PLEASE contact Florence as soon as possible @ (315) 478-6799.
- "BILL KNOWLTON'S BLUEGRASS RAMBLE" RADIO SHOW: Sundays, 9:00 pm Midnight (Syracuse WCNY 91.3/Utica WUNY 89.5/Watertown W.INY 90 9)
- SEAN HENNESSEY'S (OF THE WATERTOWN DIVISION) RADIO SHOW: Sundays, 11:00 am - Noon (Watertown WATN 1240) - Irish music/interviews IRISH MUSIC CAN BE HEARD AT...

 Kitty Hoynes Irish Pub & Restaurant: 301 W. Fayette St., Syracuse
 (315) 424-1974 www.kittyhoynes.com (music is from 9:00 pm - 1:00 am)

 Friday, 3-4 and Saturday, 3-5: The M-Cabes

 Friday, 3-11: Old Friends
 Saturday, 3-12: Pat Kene and Segnaché

- Saturday, 3-12: Pat Kane and Seanaché Friday, 3-18: Causeway Giants

Saturday, 3-19. TBD
Friday, 3-25 and Saturday, 3-26: The Neil Emberg Trio
Coleman's Authentic Irish Pub: 100 S. Lowell Ave., Syracuse
(315) 476-1933 www.colemansirishpub.com (315) 476-1933 www.colemansirish Other days, music is from 10:00 pm - 1:30 am) Sunday, 3-13: Pat Kane Sunday, 3-20: Donal O'Shaughnessy Sunday, 3-27: EASTER SUNDAY

- Syracuse Irish Music Session:

- Tall Sunday of each month: Half Penny Pub (4:00 pm 7:00 pm) (315) 478-3091 321 W. Fayette St., Syracuse 3^{rg} Sunday of each month: Johnston's BallyBay Bar (4:00 pm 7:00 pm) (315) 423-8021 550 Richmond Ave., Syracuse